

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An organic peroxide vulcanized elastomer having a tack free or low tack surface is prepared under open surface conditions by curing a composition comprising a solid elastomer, an organic peroxide initiator, and a metal carboxylate. The metal carboxylate may be dissolved in a cross-linking coagent and then blended with the elastomer prior to open surface curing. Examples of the open surface molding methods include hot air, steam, salt bath, and sand bath.